

AMENDMENTS THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A homogeneous composition for oral cavity comprising:

(A) a calcium ion-supplying compound which supplies calcium ions at 100 to 16000 ppm;

(B) a monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound which supplies monofluorophosphate ions at 250 to 25000 ppm; and

(C) one or more acids selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, malic acid, and tartaric acid,

wherein the composition has a pH of from 4 to 6.2; and

wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound and the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound are different;

wherein the composition comprises a total amount of chelating agents selected from the group consisting of pyrophosphate salts, polyphosphate salts, EDTA, citrates and orthophosphate salts, of 0.1% by weight or less based on the total weight of the composition; and

wherein the acid (C) is present in an amount of from 0.17 to 10% by weight.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition for oral cavity according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises the acid component (C) as an acid and a salt of the acid.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition for oral cavity according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a sugar alcohol.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A process of stabilizing a composition for oral cavity comprising (A) a calcium ion-supplying compound which supplies calcium ions at 100 to 16000 ppm and (B) a monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound which supplies monofluorophosphate ions at 250 to 25000 ppm, characterized in that the process comprises adding (C) one or more acids selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, malic acid, and tartaric acid to the composition to adjust the pH to from 4 to 6.2.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A homogeneous composition for oral cavity, comprising:

(A) a calcium ion-supplying compound which supplies calcium ions at 100 to 16,000 ppm;

(B) a monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound which supplies monofluorophosphate ions at 250 to 25,000 ppm; and

(C) one or more acids selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, malic acid, and tartaric acid,

wherein the composition has a pH of from 4 to 6.2;

wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound and the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound are different;

wherein the composition meets at least one of the following requirements:

(i) does not settle and does not precipitate crystals after storage at 40°C for two weeks, and

(ii) has a residual factor of calcium ions of 76% or more after storage at 50°C for one month; and

wherein the composition comprises a total amount of chelating agents selected from the group consisting of pyrophosphate salts, polyphosphate salts, EDTA, citrates and orthophosphate salts of 0.1% by weight or less based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of calcium glycerophosphate, calcium glucose-1-phosphate, calcium glucose-6-phosphate, phosphorylated oligosaccharide calcium, calcium hydroxide, calcium chloride, calcium acetate, calcium formate, calcium lactate, calcium nitrate, calcium gluconate, calcium benzoate, calcium isobutyrate, calcium propionate, and calcium salicylate.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of sodium monofluorophosphate, potassium monofluorophosphate, magnesium monofluorophosphate and calcium monofluorophosphate.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, having a pH of 5.2 to 6.2.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the content of the acid (C) is 0.05-10% by weight based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, comprising 0.01% by weight or less of chelating agents based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A toothpaste comprising the composition according to claim 1, further comprising xylitol, sodium lauryl sulfate, and silicic anhydride;

wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound (A) is calcium glycerophosphate, the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound (B) is sodium monofluorophosphate, and the acid (C) is lactic acid;

wherein the composition has a residual factor of calcium ions of 76-95% after storage at 50°C for one month; and

wherein the pH is 4-6.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A mouthwash comprising the composition according to claim 1, further comprising water;

wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound (A) is calcium glycerophosphate, the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound (B) is sodium monofluorophosphate, the acid (C) is lactic acid;

wherein the composition is transparent, does not settle and does not precipitate crystals after storage at 40°C for two weeks.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, comprising 0.01% by weight or less of aluminum based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition meets at least one of the following requirements:

(i) the composition is transparent, does not settle and does not precipitate crystals after storage at 40°C for two weeks, and

(ii) has a residual factor of calcium ions of 76% or more after storage at 50°C for one month.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, which is in the form of a solution and does not settle and does not precipitate crystals after storage at 40°C for two weeks.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, which is in the form of a paste or gel and has a residual factor of calcium ions of 76% or more after storage at 50°C for one month.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, which is in the form of a paste or gel and has a residual factor of calcium ions of 76-95% after storage at 50°C for one month.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, which substantially does not include a phosphate ion-supplying compound.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, which substantially does not include a phosphate ion-supplying compound.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1 having a pH of from 4 to less than 6.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5 having a pH of from 4 to less than 6.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound (A) supplies calcium ions at 400 to 16000 ppm; and wherein the amount of the calcium ion-supplying compound is greater than the amount of the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound (A) supplies calcium ions at 400 to 16000 ppm; and wherein the amount of the calcium ion-supplying compound is greater than the amount of the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound and the calcium ion-supplying compound are present in a weight ratio of 0.7:1 to 0.46:1.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 5, wherein the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound and the calcium ion-supplying compound are present in a weight ratio of 0.7:1 to 0.46:1.

Claim 26 (New) A homogeneous composition for oral cavity comprising:

(A) a calcium ion-supplying compound which supplies calcium ions at 100 to 16000 ppm;

(B) a monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound which supplies monofluorophosphate ions at 250 to 25000 ppm; and

(C) one or more acids selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, malic acid, and tartaric acid,

wherein the composition has a pH of from 4 to 6.2; and

wherein the calcium ion-supplying compound and the monofluorophosphate ion-supplying compound are different;

wherein the composition comprises substantially no chelating agents selected from the group consisting of pyrophosphate salts, polyphosphate salts, EDTA, citrates and orthophosphate salts; and

wherein the acid (C) is present in an amount of from 0.17 to 10% by weight.